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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2007.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :7/10/03, 11/7/03, 3/5/04, 4/6/05, 1/24/07.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Response to Election/Restriction filed 06/12/2007.
2. Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims. In the Response to Election/Restriction, claims 1-7 are elected for examination and claims 8-13 are withdrawn from consideration. This Office Action is made non-final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (U.S. 6,615,257).

Re claim 1, Lee et al. disclose in Figures 1-7 a network device management system (e.g. Figure 2) comprising: a storage facility (e.g. storage medium 210 in Figure 2) for storing configuration knowledge instances (e.g. configuration areas 230 in Figure 2) and configuration data instances (e.g. configuration data 220 in Figure 2) for a plurality of network devices (e.g. abstract and col. 2 lines 40-65); and an assembler in communication with the storage facility (e.g. components 240 and 250 in Figure 2), the assembler being capable of accessing the configuration knowledge instances and

configuration data instances (e.g. col. 1 lines 52-65 and col. 5 lines 1-45) and assembling a device configuration from a selected one or more configuration knowledge instances and one or more configuration data instances (e.g. general view as seen in Figure 2 and col. 1 lines 10-45).

Re claim 2, Lee et al. further disclose in Figures 1-7 each configuration knowledge instance comprises at least one configuration knowledge schemata defining one or more capabilities of a network device (e.g. abstract and col. 1 lines 52-62).

Re claim 3, Lee et al. further disclose in Figures 1-7 including a data entry facility for creating, modifying, and deleting said configuration knowledge instances and said configuration data instances (e.g. by editing component 250 in Figure 2).

Re claim 4, Lee et al. further disclose in Figures 1-7 the storage facility comprises a central storage device (e.g. as storage medium 210 in Figure 2 and col. 5 lines 1-23).

Re claim 5, Lee et al. further disclose in Figures 1-7 the storage facility comprises a distributed network of storage devices (e.g. col. 5 lines 1-23 by among devices).

Re claim 6, Lee et al. further disclose in Figures 1-7 the assembler comprises a management application (e.g. Figure 2).

Re claim 7, Lee et al. further disclose in Figures 1-7 the management application is configured to execute one or more functionalities selected from the group consisting of searching for assets, accounting for assets, versioning of asset information, editing of asset information, and updating of asset information (e.g. Figure 2 and col. 2 lines 12-65 and col. 6 line 37 to col. 7 line 13).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - a. U.S. Patent No. 6,243,747
 - b. U.S. Patent No. 6,938,079
 - c. U.S. Patent No. 6760,761
 - d. U.S. Patent No. 6,463,470
 - e. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0003067
 - f. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0073185
 - g. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0195921
 - h. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0074430

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuoc H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3919. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Phuoc H Nguyen
Examiner
Art Unit 2143

July 5, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phuoc H. Nguyen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'P' at the beginning and a 'N' at the end.